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12 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs  
FROM : Acting Chief, FBIS  
SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction

General

1. The first draft of a Project for a proposed West African Bureau at Kaduna, Nigeria was completed and submitted to OO. Submission of the project to the PRC will be delayed pending receipt of a formal proposal from the Government of Ghana for a joint US-GOG monitoring operation. The proposal, expected about 26 September, had not been received at the end of the month. 50X1
2. FBIS provided the following special reports and services in support of preparations for Khrushchev's visit and during the visit itself, in response to requests from the Director and the offices of the President and Vice President (responsible branch or staff indicated in parentheses): 50X1
  - a. A selection of threatening statements by Khrushchev and of colorful expressions he has used in speeches during the past three years. For the Vice President. 50X1
  - b. A review of Soviet press and radio coverage of Nixon's USSR visit, including comparison of Soviet press treatment of the visit with U.S. press treatment of the Kozlov and Mikoyan U.S. tours. For the Director. Information copies were sent to the DD/I; the Chief, PP Staff; the Acting Director, State/RSB; and Deputy Chief, USIA/IRI. 50X1
  - c. A memorandum on how far Soviet propaganda has gone in support of the Laotian rebels. For the Director. An updated version was subsequently forwarded to the Vice President's office via the DCI. Information copies to the DD/I; the Chief, PP Staff; the Chief, NIC; the Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area, OCI; the Acting Director, State/RSB; and the Deputy Chief, USIA/-IRI. 50X1
  - d. Back research to determine any precedents for Khrushchev's remark "we won't raise the sword." For the Vice President. 50X1
  - e. A selection of Khrushchev's harsher statements on U.S. Government policy, the President, and Secretary Dulles. For the Vice President. Information copies to the DD/I; the Chief, PP Staff; the ADCI, State/RSB; and the Deputy Chief, USIA/IRI. 50X1

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f. Texts of all Khrushchev's public statements since 5 March 1959, assembled in a loose-leaf binder. For the Vice President's office. [ ]

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g. A report on the technical characteristics and content of all currently operating communist bloc clandestine radios, with quotations from each. For the Director. Information copies to the DD/I, the AD/CI, and the Chief, Propaganda Division, PP Staff. (Field Operations Staff and [ ]

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h. A review of Soviet and bloc coverage of Khrushchev's visit through 22 September, with a summary of free world reaction. For the Director. Copies to the DD/I and AD/CI. [ ] with section on free world reaction from Editorial Branch)

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i. An updating of h above, covering reaction through 25 September. For General Goodpaster. Copies to the DCI, the DD/I, the AD/CI, and the Executive Secretariat, Department of State. [ ] and Editorial Branch)

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j. A listing of Khrushchev's statements concerning missiles during the visit. For the Guided Missiles Division, ORR. [ ]

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k. Roundups of bloc and free world comment on the visit were disseminated on the FBIS Wire for Camp David during the weekend of the Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks. (Roundups prepared by the London and Okinawa Bureaus. Additional editorial personnel and RPB analysts were on duty in the Wire Room Friday evening and Saturday to assist in providing special coverage.)

3. Two formal meetings of the USIB Working Group on Direction Finding of Foreign Broadcast Transmitters were held during September. Membership was enlarged to include the U.S. Coast Guard, which has DF equipment applicable to some problems. Four member agencies also attended a briefing and demonstration at the FCC, Laurel, Md., station of the remotely operated modified Adcock DF system developed by FCC. Most of the Group work has been completed on the inventory of existing DF facilities. [ ]

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4. The Latin American area specialist, Broadcast Information Section, returned from a 60-day TDY at the Panama Post during which he collected extensive data on area stations and operations as well as reception potential at the new FBIS site. He also assisted Post operations, permitting leave for the regular staff. [ ]

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5. A complete review of FBIS coverage and processing requirements on BBC was made during September. A revised statement, formalizing our requirement for East African monitoring was forwarded the Chief, FBIS en route, preparatory to the Joint Coordination Committee meeting in Caversham. [ ]

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6. The 1959 edition of "Broadcasting Stations of the World" has been distributed throughout the Agency and selected Government Offices, and also placed on sale at GPO. The price of the four-volume set has risen from \$5.00 to \$6.75 as a result of a 40% increase in the size of the books. This increase results entirely from the rapid expansion and development of foreign radio and TV facilities in the nineteen months since the last edition (the overall 40% weighted average breaks down to 32% growth in AM broadcasting and 90% in FM and TV). These figures show that growth of the broadcasting medium abroad is accelerating.

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7. On 15 September USIA placed an urgent requirement with the division to provide assistance in spot-check monitoring of VOA broadcasts emanating from Washington, Munich and Tangier to determine whether the Soviet Union was living up to its agreement to abandon its jamming of VOA programs during Khrushchev's visit. This requirement was handled at the East Coast Bureau during its mid-watch and observations relayed by phone to USIA at the opening of business each following morning.

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8. An offer by the Mediterranean Bureau to the most promising Kurdish monitor candidate in Iran was rejected by him. A better offer was promptly resubmitted. No further word has been received.

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9. On 16 September a requirement was received from the Director's office for both the English and French texts of De Gaulle's pronouncement on Algeria. The English text was delivered to the Director's home the evening of the 16th and the French text to his office prior to the opening of business the following day.

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10. A letter of commendation was received from Mr. Oren Stephens, Director, Office of Research and Analysis, USIA, for RPB's Radio Propaganda Report on "Soviet Broadcasts to Africa: A Content Study," which was prepared at the request of USIA.

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11. The questionnaire for the special survey of consumers of FBIS publications throughout USIB offices and USIA in the Washington area has been completed. It is expected that the survey will begin early next month, probably in the Office of Current Intelligence.

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12. Of 308 items included in the OCI Daily Digest during the month, 92 (30 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS sources.

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13. A second shipment of magnetic belt equipment consisting of twelve recorders was made to the West Coast Bureau. Shipment of transcribers was delayed pending solution of a minor mechanical problem. It is anticipated that shipments of the latter will be resumed in mid-October.

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FIELD OPERATIONS COMMENT

1. Production of the FBIS master coverage list, largest of all monthly operational reports, has been shifted from the first of the month to the fifteenth of the month in order to spread the clerical workload and reduce the bottleneck in first-of-the-month report production. [ ] 50X1

2. A technical report on Broadcasting in North Vietnam was prepared for inclusion in the Telecommunications Report on the DRV to be published shortly by ORR. Special technical reports on broadcasting facilities in Ecuador and Turkey were prepared for the Signal Corps Intelligence Agency. [ ] 50X1

3. A review of radio and TV facilities used by the Soviets for Mr. Nixon's speech from Moscow was furnished the Department of State upon request shortly before Mr. Khrushchev's visit here. [ ] 50X1

4. Questions periodically arise concerning field reportage of jamming and Headquarters publication of references to jamming activities. A current re-appraisal follows for the guidance of all bureaus: [ ] 50X1

a. The word "jamming" is not taboo. It may be used in clear-text messages provided it violates no special security consideration and is authenticated as technically correct.

b. Of primary interest are reports on introduction of new jamming operations or of significant changes in existing operational patterns of jamming. The first report on such developments should not be communicated editorially but rather by administrative message to the Chief, Field Operations Staff. The signing officer will insure authentication of the fact from a technical standpoint. There have been cases in the past creating confusion or embarrassment by loose monitor or editorial usage of the term "jamming". Since it is often difficult to distinguish jamming from certain types of normal interference, and intentional from unintentional jamming, technical authentication is necessary. This is often important to the political analysts among our consumers.

c. Once the authenticity of the jamming has been established, subsequent reportage may be through editorial filing, flagging the editorial messages to Operations as appropriate.

d. References in monitored broadcasts to jamming activities may be filed without authentication since the question is one of editorial accuracy rather than FBIS technical responsibility. [ ] 50X1

PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [ ] 50X1

1. Radio Propaganda Reports (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Khrushchev-Eisenhower Visits: Preparatory Soviet Propaganda,"

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requested by the Chief, PP Staff; advance copies to the requestor, the DD/I, OCI, OCB, State/RSB, and USIA/IRI.

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- b. "Qasim's Differences with the Iraqi CP: Variations in Satellite Comment.:

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2. Propaganda-analysis items on the FBIS Wire (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

- a. "Khrushchev Sees 'Hope' for Test-Ban Agreement," requested by State/  
RSB

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- b. "Disclaimer of Soviet Intent to Lay Territorial Claim to the Moon"

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- c. "Change in Soviet Propaganda Campaign against the Shah of Iran"

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- d. "Distortions and Omissions in TASS Version of Question-and-Answer  
Part of Khrushchev's National Press Club Appearance"

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3. DD/P offices and the DD/I's representative  were kept apprised of developments in bloc propaganda on Laos through extracts of the TRENDS and SURVEYS.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

## 1. General

a. The London Bureau's noticeable effort to compress the file of routine communist materials is appreciated, and an unusually large proportion of the copy filed is now being published in the Daily Report. Many useful FYI's characterizing radio treatment of an item, event, or theme are being published. Occasionally, however, the FYI format is used improperly to convey the text of an item. Satellite comment on routine international affairs should be more fully reported in the roundups since this material is--correctly--not filed separately in most cases. The Mediterranean Bureau continues its careful selection of communist items, although occasionally a routine satellite commentary (such as the Sofia Home September 201600 talk on inflation in Greece) is filed as text when it could be better presented as an FYI or occasionally as a brief. The Austrian Bureau's considerable reliance on FYI's to advise headquarters of the availability of press items enables it to avoid processing unnecessary material. The German Bureau could rely more on FYI's to cover routine developments rather than processing so many individual items, quite a few of which are discarded in headquarters. The East Coast Bureau continues to overfile routine Soviet materials.

b. Although there has been considerable improvement in selection and compression by bureaus handling Far East materials, greater selectivity could be exercised in processing copy from Melbourne, Singapore, Delhi, Karachi and other noncommunist radios when they are not primary sources of information. It should be remembered that these radios rely heavily on Western press-agency material which in most cases is readily available to FBIS Wire and Daily Report consumers. Exceptions to this general rule are Singapore reports on Indonesia and Delhi reports on Burma, which have proved of some value in the past.

c. It is recognized that recent NCNA efforts to assume the role of a worldwide reputable news agency pose an additional problem for editors in deciding on the merits of individual NCNA items. However, an increasing proportion of this material is consistently superfluous for both editorial and RPB needs. Here, too, field editors should be more selective, particularly in regard to relatively factual NCNA reports from Europe and Great Britain, Latin America, the United States (strikes, economic problems, racial tensions, etc.), Japan, South Korea, and Far East communist countries other than the CPR. Such material is not generally required if it does not add appreciably to an established propaganda line, presage a new line, or provide information of considerable value to the consumer. Editors should continue to watch for items of import for the CPR's relations with neutralist states.

d. Bureaus handling Soviet regional broadcasts are reminded to flag all briefs and low-level economic items   to insure the greatest utilization of this material in headquarters. In addition, this flag may be used liberally for other low-level regional material which obviously will not be used by the FBIS Wire. Headquarters editors then have the option of publishing the items or, for space limitations or other reasons, of forwarding this material to our most impor- STAT

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tant consumers in raw-copy form. The material will be distributed to RPB and the various staff officers as necessary.

e. Reports on the visits of low-level dignitaries to the USSR and East European satellites as a general rule may be confined to arrival and departure announcements. Items reporting the movements of these visitors within the country are usually not required.

f. Despite many reminders concerning correct procedures for filing corrections, field editors repeatedly fail to provide adequate identification of items being corrected. This particularly applies to corrections of briefs. The criteria for publishing some materials, particularly press agency items, is the area of concern rather than the monitored source. Corrections to such items should therefore indicate the country involved, since the item itself may have been distributed to a different area desk or Daily Report section than that originally receiving it.

## 2. Austrian Bureau

a. The Bureau's method of processing Ochab's speech at the recent Polish national congress of agricultural circles (see 10 September USSR/EE Daily Report) was particularly helpful to headquarters and is an excellent example of careful coordination of broadcast and press versions of a given item.

b. While the selection of noncommunist press scrutiny material for briefing has been uniformly good, further abridgment would make the briefs more readily publishable.

c. The general improvement in the editing of the Bureau's file is appreciated.

## 3. Mediterranean Bureau

a.   M202005 FYI reporting Berlin Persian service comment on the Shah of Iran during August is an example of an FYI embracing much routine material in concise fashion that is generally useful to headquarters and which will almost always merit publication space.

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b. Broadcasts by Middle East radios of speeches and public events such as trials are often interrupted by shouting of slogans, chanting in the audience, reading of poems, and so forth. When such interruptions have definite political overtones editor's notes should so indicate.

## ADMINISTRATION

1. The antenna multicoupler requisition was amended to provide for front-panel switching of the high-pass input filter; a depth dimension of less than thirteen inches; a unit cost increase of \$75; and a firm delivery schedule for the period March-May 1960. The front-panel switching of the filter eliminates

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the more cumbersome jack and cable switching at the rear of the chassis, and the shallower depth dimension results in a saving of approximately \$2,000 for new racks which otherwise would have been required. On the basis of cost-per-receiver accommodated, the CGS coupler is less expensive than any comparable coupler on the market.

2. The FBIS mission may be conducted more effectively only if we are all constantly alert to better ways of improving our operations and activities. The Congress has provided for the recognition of meritorious suggestions, ideas and individual superior accomplishments by the granting of salary increases and cash awards. The various types of awards which may be granted are to be found in [redacted] soon to be released. All American and non-American employees are encouraged to become acquainted with the Incentive Awards Program so that their individual suggestions may be evaluated in terms of their usefulness to the Service.

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3. The Real Property Reports required by [redacted] are used to compile a yearly report to Congress. They are most essential and must be submitted to Headquarters promptly as changes occur.

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4. Bureaus are requested to forward requests for forms on Requisition Form 88 using appropriate stock numbers when available.

5. A new travel order form recently issued requires actual dates of birth of dependent children. Bureaus will include this information in all requests for orders.

6. During the month of September the following FBIS regulatory issuances were released:

NOTICE NO.	SUBJECT	DISTRIBUTION
[redacted]	PUBLIC SERVICE AID SOCIETY	F-6 (All Burs. except ECB)

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees in FBIS

Assignment

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2. Reassignments

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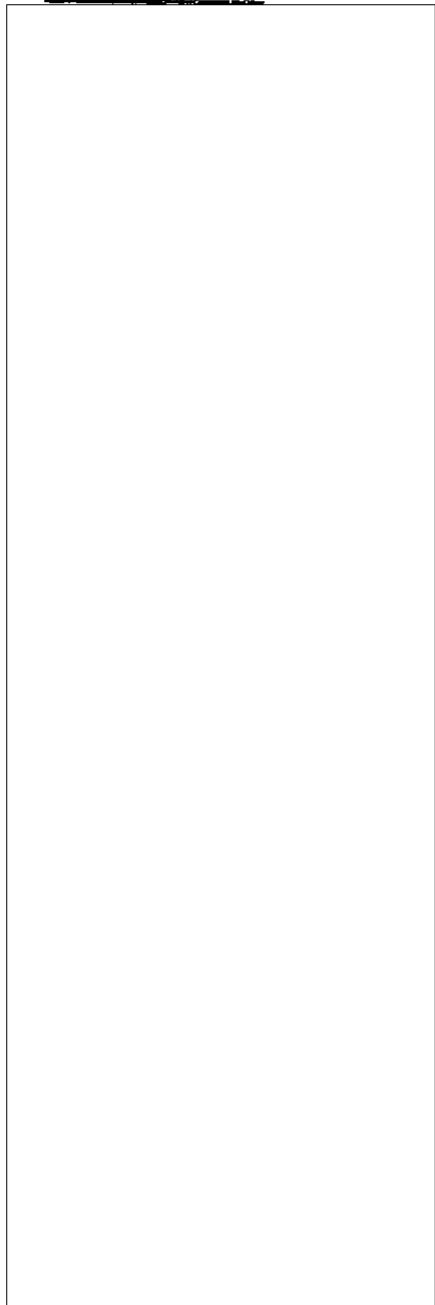
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